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No. 2624.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27, 1890.

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OF THE
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Hongkong, 22nd August 1890.



Intimations.

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in 1 lb. and 2 lb. Tins.

Also,

FINEST ISIGNY BUTTER in 28 lb. Tins for Hotels.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, 9th August, 1890. [23]

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KELLY & WALSH'S LIST OF NEW MUSIC.

VOCAL and Pianoforte Score of the latest London Success—"Marjorie." Coote and Tinney's Ball Room Album containing all the new Dances. Price, 40 cents. "Annie Rooney" Waltz by Violet Vaughan. "Dreamtide" Song by Flavell. "Au pays des Chansons" Waltz by Fahrbach. "A Mother's Vigil" Song by Rawlings. "Christmas Rose" Waltz by Waldeieuf. "Dear Little Maid" Waltz by Staudteufel. "Dans tes Yeux" Waltz by Waldeieuf. "The College Belle" Song by Pontet. "Daisy Peel" Song by Hemfrey. "English Champions" Song by Elvin. "Madeline" Song by Piccolomini. "Man, Mighty Man" by James Fawn. "Sweet Genevieve" by Tucker. "The Old Soldier" Song by Solomon. "The Flower Maidens" Waltz by Barnard. "The Gondoliers" Opera and Libretto. "Yeoman of the Guard" and Libretto. "Ruddigore" "Doris." "Faust up to date." "Boccaccio" and a large stock of all the Classical Operas. "Song Folios," "Super Songs," "Galaxy of Song," "Minstrel Folio," "Vocal Duet Folio."

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Hongkong, 22nd August 1890.

CRUICKSHANK & CO., LTD.,
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AERATED WATER MANUFACTURERS.

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Hongkong, 12th June, 1890.

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GENT'S SILK UMBRELLAS, \$2.25 each.
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GENT'S DRESS SHIRTS, \$13 per dozen.

GENT'S FLANNEL TENNIS SHIRTS, \$2 each.

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Victoria Exchange, Hongkong, 26th August, 1890.

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Hongkong, 28th July, 1890.

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Hongkong, 16th August, 1890.

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Liquid Fuel for Mechanical Purposes.
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Hongkong, 20th August, 1890.

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THE DISPENSARY, HANKOW.

THE DISPENSARY, TIENSIN.

LONDON OFFICE,
166, Fenchurch Street, E.C.

Hongkong, 16th April, 1890. [1056]

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

HONGKONG.

Captain Samuel Ashton—President.

SPECIAL NOTICE!

MEETINGS of this Association will be held

at the MARINE HOTEL, Praya West,

every TUESDAY and FRIDAY, at 8.30 P.M.

CHESNEY DUNCAN, Hon. Sec.

Hongkong, 16th August, 1890. [1188]

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Hongkong, 26th July, 1890. [1093]

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SYRUPS.
JARGONELLE PEAR,
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Mixed with plain or Aerated Water forms a
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Per Quart bottle 55 cents.

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(Telephone No. 60.)

Nos. 22 & 24, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
Hongkong, 25th August, 1890.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The U.S.S. *Monocacy* left Shanghai on the 21st inst. for Kobe.

The cargo that was salvaged from the wreck of the *Fuyew* has recently been disposed of at three auctions at Shanghai, for the total amount of a little over Tls. 60,000. The hull fetched Tls. 3,400.

A TELEGRAM was received here yesterday from Shanghai, stating that Messrs. Russell & Co.'s Filature Works, on the north side of the Soochow Creek, had been burned down. Full details had not come to hand when we went to press.

SHARE business is once more on the boom. So far so good. But, in view of very recent and very bitter experiences, we might fairly throw out a hint to sanguine speculators (most of whom are "dead-broke") that all that glitters is not gold."

The Netherlands Indian Government has decided favourably upon an application made by Mr. G. M. Dare, on behalf of Mr. J. Guthrie Davidson, for permission to carry on mining operations in the district of Sekadou, in the Western Division of Borneo.

With reference to the dispute between the Chinese authorities and the U.S. Consul at Ningpo in connection with the Chinese theatre there which is under foreign protection, the *N.C. Daily News* learns that the matter has been referred to Peking. The Taotai notified his countrymen that he would not only punish the actors if they performed, but also those who patronised the theatre.

SIXTEEN Japanese are under examination in Osaka in connection with a great forgery of Sanyo Railway scrip. Four of these were active accomplices in the crime, including the printer, designer, and the engraver. They forged 600,000 yen worth of stock and raised on their imitation scrip yen 24,000, which they obtained from the Mitsui Ginko as a loan. It has transpired that the engraver, for his share of the booty, received yen 50.

ANOTHER "avage-looking ruffian" was "nailed" by Inspector Corcoran at Shau-ki-wan yesterday, and brought before Mr. Wadehouse at the Police Court this morning, charged with having "done his man to death" at Ngau Tau Kok, in Chinese territory, on the 24th ulto. Upon the application of the Inspector his Worship remanded the case until the 3rd proximo, to afford the Chinese authorities time to make a formal application for the culprit's rendition.

PUNJOMI When is Becher expected? Our mail news from London, we beg to inform the Board of Directors, is the reverse of satisfactory. The sooner a general meeting is called and a clean breast made of this most shameless of modern Far Eastern speculations, the better for all concerned. The Directors have justly the reputation of being gentlemen and honorable men of business; for the sake of their own reputations they must act promptly and decisively. If they lose their opportunity, they will regret it.

A BANGKOK contemporary says—Another small steamer, a new boat, named the *Hongkong*, arrived here from Hongkong the other day, and is now lying off Phya Smut's landing. She is intended for river trade on the Meinam, and was brought over by Captain Specchly, the well-known old Canton pilot. We hear that still another small steamer, of like dimensions, is shortly expected from Hongkong, so that our neighbours across the water seem to be doing a brisk trade in small steamers, for this part of the world.

We don't know exactly when the new steamer under Chinese auspices (including Mr. Harry Wickling, who, by the way, is not Chinese) will be started as a night boat on the Hongkong-Canton route; but she is very rapidly approaching completion at Kowloon, and her advent can only be a question of weeks. The report, current for some days past, is quite true that a contract is being fixed up between wealthy Chinese and a well-known local shipbuilding firm (Messrs. A. G. Gordon & Co.), to construct a new steamer to run between Hongkong and Macao.

CLARETS. A Superior Breakfast Claret, Red Capsule..... \$4.50
B St. Estephe, Red Capsule... 4.50
C St. Julien..... 7.50
D La Rose 11.00
Per Bot. Case.

BRANDY. A Hennessey's Old Pale, Red Capsule..... \$12
B Superior Very Old Cognac, Red Capsule..... 14
C Very Old Liqueur Cognac, Red Capsule..... 18
D Hennessey's Finest Very Old Liqueur Cognac, 1872 vintage, Red Capsule..... 24

SCOTCH WHISKY. A Thorne's Blend, White Capsule..... 8
B Watson's Glenorchy Mellow Blend, Blue Capsule with Name and Trade Mark..... 8
C Watson's Abelour-Glenlivet, Red Capsule, with Name and Trade Mark..... 8
D Watson's H K D Blend of the Finest Scotch Malt Whiskies, Violet Capsule..... 10
E Watson's Very Old Liqueur Scotch Whisky, Gold Capsule 12

IRISH WHISKY. A John Jameson's Old, Green Capsule..... 8
B John Jameson's Fine Old, Green Capsule..... 10
C John Jameson's Very Fine Old, Green Capsule..... 12
GENUINE BOURBON WHISKY, fineold, Red Capsule, with Name. 10

GIN. A Fine Old Tom, White Capsule. 4.50
B Fine Unsweetened, White Capsule..... 4.50
C Fine A. V. H. Geneva..... 5.25

RUM. Finest Old Jamaica, Violet Capsule..... 12
Good Leeward Island.... \$1.50 per Gallon.

LIQUEURS. Benedictine Maraschino Curacao Herring's Cherry Cordial Chartreuse Dr. Siegert's Angostura Bitter, &c.

DEATH. On the 22nd July, at Wellington, Shropshire, GEORGE LYALL, late of Hongkong, China.

A CANADIAN contemporary thus explains the temporary war of rates between the American shipping companies which occurred last month.—San Francisco, July 26th—George H. Rice, traffic manager of the Pacific Mail Company, arrived here from Victoria yesterday. At that port he established R. P. Kith & Co., as the Company's northern agents. "War will begin at once," he said. "We have declined the Canadian Pacific's ultimatum of a \$12,000 monthly bonus to keep them out of San Francisco, and hereafter this company's boats will put in at Victoria, both going and coming." At present, for lack of facilities at Victoria, we shall dock at Esquimalt, but it is only three miles by rail from Victoria, and the difference is scarcely appreciable.—Mr. Rice stated that his sole business in Victoria was the establishment of the agency, and that he had had no final conference with the Canadian Pacific people, and consequently could not state their probable line of action.

We shall have something to say regarding the forthcoming election for the Legislative Council in our next issue.

We are always willing when we do anybody an injustice to frankly and fairly acknowledge it. In our Monday's issue we did Mr. Silberman, the proprietor of the "Land we live in" Hotel, a gross injustice. Our Police Court man did not merely inaccurately report what took place in one of those ordinary "assault and drunk" cases which are unworthy of notice, but he went so far as to describe Mr. Silberman's house as a "runshanty." We cannot find any justification for this. "The Land we live in," is not quite up to the Hongkong Hotel standard, is a very comfortable and admirably conducted inn, where visitors can rely on the best of treatment. The present proprietor has been running the place for about five years, and there is no more deservedly popular hostelry in the colony of Hongkong. Our Police Court reporter has a deal to answer for.

SAYS THE *Foochow Echo*:—In consequence of the numerous failures amongst money-changers, who issued paper notes of the value of 100 cash each, the Chinese high authorities have wisely taken the step of putting a stop to the issue of such, and to replace them have imported some \$20,000 worth of 10 cent silver pieces from Canton. The native bankers were invited since the 8th instant to receive the quantity they may require from the Treasury in exchange for Mexican dollars, which can be paid by instalments. The bankers, who have already seen the silver pieces, have objected to those minted in Canton, on the ground that they contain too much alloy, but would be glad to take those that come from the mint of England. We venture to say that the bankers will have to take the silver pieces, whether they are good or not, as they have no voice in the matter, and they in turn must squeeze the people in exchange. In the same manner as the banks used to do in buying and selling notes. This first supply of \$20,000 value of these small coins is altogether inadequate to the demand.

AN OFFICIAL correspondent, who ought to have known better, directs our attention to the astounding fact that Mr. George Murray Bain, the self-admitted "Maiden Libeller," had something to say at the recent meeting of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Company. The Editor of the *Telegraph* has been absent from the colony, or and on, for about two months—and in some poor trim, it must be confessed—but he was not likely to miss the significant fact of Mr. Murray Bain getting up on his hind-legs and airing his views at a semi-public meeting. And he hasn't. Mr. Murray Bain made a thundering ass of himself—according to our lights, anyhow—in the witness box at the Supreme Court only a few months ago, but the amorous vagaries of the Jerusalem charger are nothing to his lamentable exhibition last Monday. Mr. Murray Bain is such a unique specimen of the genus shareholder that we propose devoting a leading article to his especial glorification, which, we are quite sure, will afford him and his friends and admirers the most profound gratification.

THE FOLLOWING statistics of the tea business transacted in Hankow from the 4th to the 18th inst. are published by the Chamber of Commerce of that port:—

	1890.	1889.
Settlements.....	all 4-Chests.	5,000 4-Chests.
Shipments to Shanghai on Native account.....	9,300	8,700
Stock.....	1,000	1,000
Arrivals.....	50,900	75,780

The following are statistics at date compared with the corresponding circular of last season, viz.:—

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HANKOW TEA.		
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The entire business to date as compared with the corresponding circular last year is as under:—

	1890.	1889.
For London & America.....	45,500 4-Chests.	56,000 4-Chests.
" Russia.....	44,400	40,470
Stock, nominal.....	5,000	5,000
Arrivals.....	50,800	78,860

On Monday afternoon there was quite a celebration on board the "Marina," that admirable floating hotel which has already secured the support of a very considerable number of Hongkong residents. His Excellency the Administrator, the Hon. Francis Fleming, C.M.G., had promised to hold a reception on board this local sanitarium, and from about 5 o'clock until 6.15 the representative of Britain's majesty, with that hard-and-fast courtesy which is rapidly making Mr. Fleming a most popular official, held high wassail amongst the rank and file of Hongkong's struggling thousands. The drosses of the colony didn't show up; they never do unless at a so-called fashionable "unction," where stale champagne-cup and insipid ascs of the male gender predominate. However, Mr. Fleming went over the "Marina," made a careful inspection of the vessel throughout, and expressed his approval of and satisfaction with all he saw. There were hundreds of visitors on board during the afternoon and evening, and quite a large party sat down to dinner on the spacious upper deck, where the cool breezes greatly contributed towards a most pleasant evening. The "Marina" is certainly a great success.

WHAT may be termed the sequel to the accident in Osaka, when a vessel whilst being launched capsized and several persons were drowned, has not yet found its way into print. The *Hujo News* has it, from a foreign eye-witness of the occurrence, and it forms an interesting illustration of Japanese ways and customs. To commence with, it appears to have been a foregone conclusion that nothing but ill-fortune could be expected to attend the career of a vessel launched under such circumstances. Arrangements were therefore made to destroy her in a fashion befitting the occasion. On the day chosen the street in which the shipbuilding yard is situated was lighted with lamps, and a huge fire was made of the vessel's dock-houses, which had been taken off her for the purpose, and, to make the destruction more utter, every plank and piece of wood which had been set apart to be used in her construction was also burned. Finally, the hull was towed out to beyond Tempozan and there set on fire and sunk. By these proceedings a two-fold purpose was doubtless achieved—the smoke from the burning vessel might be regarded as a sweet incense in the nostrils of those who had met their death on board her, and it was also a propitiatory offering to the god to whose negligence or anger the accident in the first place might be attributed. We wouldn't mind giving a "handsome price" a photograph of Chadwick or Murray Bain to any genius who can tell us plainly what all this stuff means.

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THE SUPERINTENDENT of the P. & O. S. N. Co. courteously informs us that the steamship *Ganges*, with the next English mail, left Singapore for this port at 5.30 a.m. to-day.

THE officers of the Customs who are to form the outdoor staff at Chinkung consist of a Tide-surveyor, a Chief Examiner, and two tide-waiters. Mr. Lovatt, of Kuikiang, is the first, Mr. Stebbins, of Tientsin, the second, and the other officers go from Chinkung.

THE last *Foochow Echo* bursts into song as follows:—

I hear these speak of a happy band,
Who yearly sail to the "Flower land."
Mother, oh, who can those "swallows" be?
Who journey so far over land and sea?
Are they merchants, who only go out to buy
Of the poor Chinese, out of charity?
And spend their dollars so lavishly?

Not quite, not quite, my child.
Are the profits great, oh, mother dear,
On the season's business year by year?
For once again you say they have gone,
And losses they cannot live upon.
Are the tens as good as they used to be,
Or are they of better quality?

And is China all prosperity?

Not quite, not quite, my child.
Is it far away on the river Min—
At Foochow—where they grow those tea so thin?

Which are shipped as choice, and we all decide
Are only "choice" on the coast—outside?
If that is so, then, my mother dear,
Those "Swallows" had better fit, I fear,
To some other port—with trade less queer.

Quite right, quite right, my child.
If you want a boy in your office, I will beg
I thank you. Thank you. I will beg.
Your answer by this letter I hope to tell for
mister—

Now I have no business. Of course I must
play every day. Now I will beg to you.
I suppose that you will be very difficult and
laugh to read my letter because I do not know so
many Grammer. Before I was called Chiste in
your house. But my name is Oyann.

Before your small boy.

A TELEGRAM was received in Singapore on the 19th inst. from Bangkok saying that Mr. McGregor, the manager of the Siam Goldfields, had been arrested. The trial lasted from 10 a.m. to midnight. The charge against Mr. McGregor, well known in Hongkong, with a crew of six men as members of the pirate gang that attacked their vessel. The wounded sailor, who was brought up to Court in a chair, unhesitatingly identified one of the men. Chan Awong, master of the junk, said that on the 20th day of the sixth moon he left Chongsha in his three-masted junk for Hongkong, with a crew of six men and seven passengers. His cargo consisted of 120 piculs of garlic and 97 pigs. The pigs were worth Tls. 550 and had a private mark on them, as well as the character "cheung," both in red. These marks were put on the head and body of each pig. They were consigned to the Kwong Ki Lung shop here, as also was the whole cargo of garlic. When he got as far as Fukien Head, at about 8 o'clock in the morning of the second day out, (16th August), he saw two small boats coming towards him from the Fukien village, which he took to be fishing boats. When they were about fifty yards off, witness saw men in the bows of each boat take out revolvers and point them at him. Shortly afterwards they fired, and hit a passenger, who fell into the water and was drowned. Just at the same time another shot hit one of the crew. The two approaching boats then came alongside, and their crew boarded witness' junk and drove "all hands" below deck, covered over by the hatches, and took possession, setting sail and steering her as they pleased, and finally coming to anchor at Ching Wan, where they took over eighty pigs ashore. A few piculs of the garlic were also taken by the pirates. Witness, with all his crew and passengers, was kept in the hold of the junk until the next evening, when one of his men, noting that all was quiet, went on deck and found not one about. Then they all followed, and next morning set sail for Shantwan, where they arrived on the 20th inst.—At this juncture the case was adjourned until Thursday morning.

THE *Peking Gazette* of the 20th ulto. publishes a lengthy memorial from the high authorities of the Canton province, reporting the trial of a petty official named Wang Shou-ling and several of his confederates for various acts of extortion and wrongful imprisonment, committed under cover of a fictitious and self-assumed authority. The following is a brief summary of the case:—In 1887 Wang Shou-ling made an offer to an acquaintance of his named Cheng Ju-fan, who was connected with the police force, to render aid gratis in the arrest of criminals, on condition that he should in due course be recommended by his friend for promotion. Being short-handed at the time, Cheng accepted this offer, and Wang then assumed the title of Assistant Deputy and got two of his friends to join him in the enterprise. As, however, they had no funds to start with, the three privately arranged among themselves that only in serious cases should any criminals they might capture be handed over to justice, all minor offenders being released on payment of a "fine." A number of braves were hired and the necessary arrangements made for the conduct of operations on shore, and having engaged a boat and crew, Wang Shou-ling proceeded to patrol the coast in the neighbourhood of Macao. His first performance was the seizure of an honest and unoffending fisherman whom he knew to be well off, and anxious to avoid getting into trouble. Having arrested this man on a charge of piracy, Wang threatened to send him to the authorities at Canton unless he paid the sum of \$5,000; but was finally induced to accept \$100 as a first instalment, and let him go. Not long after, having heard of a dispute between two land-owners in the Hsiangshan district, close to the coast, Wang professed to suspect piratical doings and accordingly proceeded thither to investigate the matter. In the end two men were arrested and handed over to Cheng Ju-fan, who, ignorant of the fact that they had been apprehended on a totally unfounded charge, detained them in custody at Canton. In a third case a native of Hsiangshan was spied on a groundless accusation of abducting a woman, but while he was being forwarded to the provincial capital the authorities got wind of Wang's proceedings and caused him and his confederates to be arrested and brought to trial. As some of these had been at Canton the whole time, it was not easy to prove their complicity in the affair, but in the end the facts above related were admitted by all the accused. For bringing a false and malicious charge against an innocent individual—that being the gravest count in the indictment against Wang Shou-ling—and taking the most rigorous view of his case,

